

"I Believe That All Of This Trouble Is Caused By the EMPLOYMENT AGENTS"—Judge Mann

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AND OTHERS PINCHED

At 10 o'clock last night, immediately after the closing of the evening mass meeting at the I. W. W. hall, fellow workers Charles Conner, Louis Gatewood and W. H. Phillips were arrested in a raid of plain clothes men on the hall.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who was to be the speaker at the evening, was arrested by Gorilla Jim Shannon, the Inhuman, at the corner of Front and Stevens streets. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn (Mrs. J. A. Jones) is in a delicate condition and much concern for her health was in evidence last night on learning that she was undergoing a hard sweating treatment at the Gila monster, the Pug and the kangaroo swakes always in attendance. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, her attorney, was denied the privilege of talking to her, the door being slammed in her face with the words, "To hell with you!"

The evening consists in the whole gang of lawless thugs yelling, cursing and shouting threats of personal violence at the prisoner until, with scattered nerves, he or she is too weak to resist.

This should be enough to bring every red-blooded man in the vicinity to Spokane to bear his share in the fight that has heretofore been borne by women and other men.

The prisoners are all held under a charge of "criminal conspiracy."

Nothing at the hall proceeded as usual, except that the enthusiasm increased tenfold. Ten minutes ago out of nowhere and a large collection was taken.

No doubt the women-headed thugs imagine they have grabbed some more "leaders."

It is utterly impossible for a low-browed, brutal head-smasher, who is accustomed to taking orders from equally contemptible chiefs, to conceive of an intelligent body of workers who need no "leaders" and are able to do without orders.

Some day the ignorant swine may get it through their thick skulls that to get the "leaders" of the I. W. W. they will have to get the whole membership—and then they won't have them.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Another week of brutality, of starvation and suffering. Another week of police court farce and the free speech fight swings merrily along, court of justice barred to the public and a martyr to the cause of freedom since last night, we have had a thanksgiving celebration. A young life has been crushed out fighting in the cause of labor. "Our martyred dead" has been increased by one more vigorous revolutionist. En route from Chicago, Wednesday, November 17, John Kelly Cole was killed at Tomah, Wis., under the wheels of a freight train. His fellow workers continued to Spokane, while a committee, came on from Chicago and took his body back to be buried.

It certainly ought to encourage those of us who are in the fight that this boy has given up his very life that we may triumph, much as we sorrow for his untimely death.

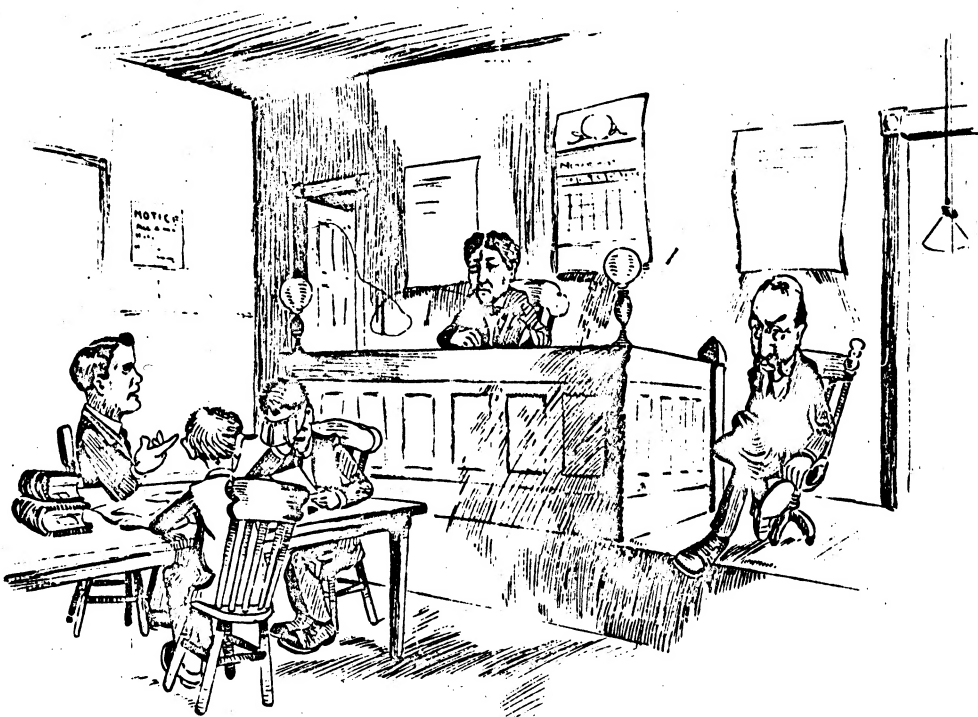
The diet in the Franklin school for the last week is no longer as bountiful as bread and water. Now it is sour bread, given in the moldiest, filthiest of lumps. Needless to say, the men are physical wrecks when they emerge from this treatment. In spite of the fact that none of the sentences have expired men are turned loose every day on one pretext or another, but really because they are too near dead for the police to be bothered with them. They are warned to get out of town as soon as possible, while the men remaining inside the jail are told "those fellows went on the rock pile." They doubtless hope by this to break the spirit and solidarity of the I. W. W. men, but have failed. The men who come out rest up, for a few days and then bravely express their willingness to return to jail, knowing full well that they will get a double dose of "justice" this time.

In order that the pangs of hunger may be increased the beautiful police cut all of the boys out of their "lunch" consisting of the hard, cold flour at 4 a. m., at the risk of turning the hose on them if they dare refuse. If they speak through the window to a passerby they are thrown in the sweat box.

Thanksgiving day was appropriately celebrated inside the Christian jail by feeding all the prisoners with turkey and cranberry sauce, except the I. W. W. men. Chief of Police Sullivan, who is so often interviewed, remarked when the water faucets are in good order and they may die as often as they please. It is this same chief who out of the depths of his wisdom tells the I. W. W. "an anarchist body." The reason, probably, is that the chief fears that some of the half starved prisoners may perhaps retaliate. The I. W. W. has never counseled violence or attacks upon any man's person. We do not believe in it—although the police department. We absolutely repudiate any responsibility for acts of violence, but just because the chief of police is scared to death for fear he may get the whiff that he has sown. It's no use trying to blame the I. W. W. by calling us an anarchist body. We'll put Sullivan at the head of the class if he can give a definition of an anarchist. We certainly will give him a gold medal if he can tell what I. W. W. stands for.

Thanksgiving day was appropriately celebrated by a sympathetic strike of the I. W. W. men. Outside the jail, bread and water was the only fare of all who received the order of the committee on time. One fellow worker organized a sensation by going into a fashionable restaurant, and after letting the waiter detain a list of roast turkeys, domestic ducks, mince pies and cranberry sauce, ordered in a grandiose manner, "extra size portion of bread and water."

On November 23, marks a red letter day in the history of American tradition. This day is characterized by the actions of Judge Mann throughout the entire farce. The chief of police was being cross-examined by Lawyer Conner, and the latter's arrest for disorderly conduct. The chief had stepped out of the courtroom, but was suddenly called back by the judge, who sprung the question, "How do you feel you were drinking that day, Chief?" After establishing the judge and the chief, but an eye had finally been discovered. Court room was cleared at once. Star chamber proceedings now became the order of the day. All spectators barred from the court of justice, and



JUDGE DANN'S COURT--A FARCE

Continuous Performance.

Bailiff: Oyez, Oyez, this honorable court is now in session. May God save the Chamber of Commerce and the honorable court.

Corporation Counsel: May it please the court, Mr. Furniture is in the room. He has left his business to come down here on the slight charge we have against him of blocking two principal sidewalks and partially blocking two principal streets. I move we take up his case ahead of the regular docket of the I. W. W. cases.

I. W. W. Counsel: The street speaking prisoners are in jail. If your honor please, and have a right to hearing in their order. Mr. Furniture is free on his recognizance, and—

Judge Dann (interrupting): Mr. Furniture's business interests will have precedence here. Chief O'Malligan has told me this and I think I understand it. Call the officer.

Cop: I notified this obstructionist some three weeks, not mindin' the complaints. Finally I told Mister Furniture he was violatin' the law and after his buildin' was all done I pulled him.

Judge Dann: What has the defendant to say?

Corporation Counsel: I don't think it necessary, your honor. There was no aggravation, and Mr. Furniture will understand that his arrest was made only to satisfy certain complaining citizens who don't amount to much, and really we don't think it should have been done at all.

Judge Dann: The attitude of the city is truly commendable. The law is here, of course, but it should never be construed to embarrass our business men. Because the ordinance is plain, however, I will fine the defendant \$5, but will remit that and all costs. (Here Chief O'Malligan whispers aside to Judge Dann: "I will see to it that no such arrests are made again.")

Judge Dann: Call them I. W. W.'s.

Corporation Counsel: You are charged with disorderly conduct.

Chorus of I. W. W. prisoners: Not guilty.

Cop: I rested this man makin' uh speech—

Judge Dann and Corporation Counsel: That's all.

(I. W. W. counsel attempts cross-examination, but is sat upon by the court.)

I. W. W. Counsel (rising): The city council never intended the ordinance on disorderly conduct to interfere with the "inherent, God-given right of free speech." The proof of this is that in all the years that it has been in force it never had any such far-fetched application.

Then, too, it is proven by the fact that a subsequent city legislature passed an ordinance directly on the street speaking matter, and which your honor yourself declared unconstitutional and invalid. Surely, if that was bad law then it would be bad practice to construe the former law as applying. Then, too, we can bring before your honor members of the city council which enacted the disorderly conduct ordinance who will testify that at no stage of their deliberations did they ever think of stopping street speaking. We have abundant decisions on—

Judge Dann: It makes no difference to me what the legislature intended. I will ask the prisoner a question. Where you making a speech?

First I. W. W.: No, sir, but I was intending—

Judge Dann: Thirty days and \$100.

I. W. W. Counsel: But, your honor, we de-

pend on the sufficiency of—

Judge Dann: Call next case.

Cop: I got dis man makin'—

Judge Dann, to second I. W. W.: Were you making a speech?

Second I. W. W.: No, sir, I was reading from the Declaration of Independence.

Judge Dann: Thirty days on the rock pile and \$100.

I. W. W. Counsel: We would like to discuss the merits—

Judge Dann: I am not concerned with the merits. Call next case.

Bailiff: Next case, your honor, is the regular

list of street speaking cases, but Madame Panel-

Game has just telephoned that she wants the cases against her girls disposed of. They are Faustine Sullivan and 24 others.

Judge Dann: Call Faustine Sullivan three times.

Bailiff (in loud voice): Faustine Sullivan! Faustine Sullivan! Faustine Sullivan! There's no response, your honor.

Judge Dann: Let the bonds of \$15 each in the 25 cases be forfeited and give the money to Chief O'Malligan. See that Madame is not disturbed again for a month. Call the next case.

Cop: I rested dis man makin' uh—

Judge Dann (to third I. W. W.): Making a speech?

Third I. W. W.: No, sir. I read a copy of your decision about the inherent God-given right—

Judge Dann: That'll do. Thirty days and \$100. I will say right here that at the time I delivered myself of that guff, all the reporters, or rather the Spokesman-Review department of the police force, were here. Then, too, I did not know that Mr. Thiele over there, of the Pinkerton spy system, was interested. And I did know then what the Chamber of Commerce thought of it. Truth of it is, I thought I was peddling some ordinary and harmless morality. Thirty days and \$100. Call next case.

I. W. W. Counsel: Before we go into the next case, I would like to ask if your honor regards the Industrial Workers of the World as an out-law organization, and also what relation it bears to the Santa Pantalo?

(Loud acclamation from citizens. Judge Dann jumped from his seat, eyes bulging, and big, plethoric veins stood out on the judicial brow. "Clear the court room!" he thundered. Then he sent for the Pan-Tan sword eater, Police Commissioner Gobbler, and asked him to see that the main audience chamber be partitioned off from the court and bar rail.

(Curtain.)

this course has practically continued up to the present. The next day when court opened it was discovered that a partition had been erected during the night and the entire section devoted to spectators had been cut off. About thirty-six people at the most can now be admitted as spectators, yet an issue is being tried out that vitally interests hundreds of people.

One of the most outrageous instances during the court sessions of the last week was the settlement of the case against a man named Mullen. This man was not a member of the I. W. W., but had seen another fellow enter the court room right in front of him. When he tried to force his way in Officer Shannon, who had been placed on guard, made no effort to tell him that the court room was already crowded and that no others would be allowed to enter, but grabbed him and choked him until his terrified screams and cries for assistance rang through the entire court room. Officers even begged Shannon to stop beating the man, but who would try to tell a cat to stop tantalizing a mouse? The cat tell a cat to stop tantalizing a mouse? What's his intelligence, and neither has—what's the use? This man was tried for disorderly conduct—it's a wonder they didn't make it as assaulting an officer—and was sentenced to thirty days and fined \$100 and costs. Never was such a travesty on justice, and yet these cases are so numerous that indignation has long since reached its climax and can go no further. Disinterested parties testified against Shannon. Letters were written to the press by club women having no connection with the I. W. W. If the same testimony had been piled up against an I. W. W. man they would probably have sentenced him to be hanged, but Shannon will stay on the force till he is honorably discharged and draw a pension for the rest of his life.

That the police of Spokane are notoriously ignorant men, of brutal instincts, is borne out by the following instance: A drunken man was arrested by Officer Myers, and without offering any resistance to justify an attack, was knocked down and beaten by the officer until he became unconscious. So flagrant was the assault and so indignant did the citizens and passersby become that complaints were made against the officer by prominent business men, and he was discharged from the force. If he had beaten up an I. W. W. man, however, they would probably have presented him with a testimonial of praise.

The Washington Water Power Company is the most ungrateful sort of master. They won't

even let the special officers ride free on the street cars.

Resolutions of denunciation of the I. W. W. and its methods have been unanimously carried by the Chamber of Commerce and resolutions denouncing the Chamber of Commerce and its methods have been unanimously carried by the I. W. W. It's mutual and there's no love lost. The A. F. of L. Central Labor Council unanimously endorsed circulating petitions to initiate the new ordinance. They are working on it steadily night and day, much to the chagrin of Mayor Pratt and the city council.

The criminal conspiracy cases have dragged along very slowly. When Attorney David K. Toole came from Chicago and requested that the cases be postponed for one day that he might familiarize himself with the details every sort of objection was raised by the attorneys for the state. When Prosecuting Attorney Puch came from his trip from the Pacific Coast the cases were postponed from Wednesday until Saturday that he might familiarize himself with the case. It makes a whole lot of difference which side you're on. Fellow Worker Fillgro has been bound over by Judge Mann to be tried in the Superior court, but Fellow Worker Pancher was sentenced outright to six months in the county jail. The other case: have yet to come up for consideration, although the judge could just as well read off the whole proposition at once. We have no doubt but that his mind is made up.

Mrs. Edith Fennell is out on a thousand dol-

lar bond furnished by two members of the local socialist party. Mrs. Fennell came out in a state of extreme weakness, because she was unable to eat for two days the stuff called "food" that was offered to her.

From various members released from jail we learn the following: There is absolutely no truth in the newspaper story that the boys refused to listen to I. W. W. songs and discussions. Their entire sentence has been nullified by the ceaseless propaganda work of some of the older members among the new recruits. If they weren't being starved to death they would probably organize a local and continue to do I. W. W. business. Further, it is ascertained that every man released is put through a merciless drilling by the chief of police and plain clothes detectives. The object of this is to get the members to say that somebody else told them to go to jail and thus fasten the entire responsibility upon a few so-called leaders. But none of the boys inside the jail ever needed to be told to go there, and the chief might as well try to find a needle in a haystack as a leader in the I. W. W.

Events in direct connection with the free speech fight are encouraging as ever. Recruits arrived Saturday from Omaha, Sunday from Galveston, Tex., and Monday from Chicago, Ill. If we keep the ball rolling in the matter of direct action on the street corner this fight can't be lost.

Each one to his post! Do your level best, boys and the I. W. W. will triumph. "Let cowards flinch and traitors sneer, we'll keep the red flag flying here."

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN.

News has come of the death of Fellow Worker Wm. Jensen of Local Union 432, Seattle. He was crushed by the falling of a green tree while working for the Oso Logging Co. at Oso, Wash.

Fellow Worker Adolph Bernsen was sent to investigate the circumstances of the accident.

One fellow-worker was asked on his third appearance in jail: "What are you back for?" He replied: "Oh! I just came to see Shannon."

They are now trying him for his sanity. Wouldn't blame them—if he really meant it.

SPOKANE SWITCHMEN

TIE UP FREIGHT YARDS

I. W. W. agitators will be compelled to ride the "blind" and "deck" as a result of a strike of the Switchmen's Union. Twenty-five hundred men went out last night at 6:30 p. m.; all freight handlers are laid off in consequence and freight transportation is completely tied up in and around Spokane. The companies are refusing to accept freight for shipment and admit a complete tie-up. The demands of the Union are: "Abolish the age limit. Do away with the present rigid physical examination. Give us the nine-hour day, with an increase of six cents an hour pro rata."

As usual, according to unions not organized industrially, part of the men engaged in the same industry are scabbing on the strikers. The B. R. T. men are keeping the passenger trains running on schedule. The Canadian Pacific and O. R. & N. Co., not having contracts with either the B. R. T. or Switchmen's Union are doing business at the same old stand, their employees thus scabbing on their Great Northern and Northern Pacific brothers.

RENEW FIGHT ON I. W. W.

At a conference between city and county officials yesterday it was decided to continue without respite the prosecution of hoboes and anarchists who are coming to this city on brake-beams, in flat cars and otherwise to wage the battle of the I. W. W. against municipal law and order. Among those at the conference were Mayor N. S. Pratt, Prosecuting Attorney Fred C. Puch, Corporation Counsel E. O. Connor, Police Commissioner Carl W. Perkes, Chief of Police John Sullivan and John E. Blair, assistant corporation counsel. Police Justice S. A. Mann also was present and briefly discussed the prosecutions that have been waged in his court and the attitude the court has assumed. Corporation Counsel E. O. Connor said after the conference:

"It has been decided to be even more energetic and firm in prosecuting those I. W. W. who do not obey the laws."

City Comptroller Robert Fairley made the estimate yesterday that the I. W. W. attack on this city is costing the taxpayers fully \$150 a day on the average, or about \$1000 a week, and said that taxpayers will face an expense of thousands of dollars if the threat of the "red" to continue the siege until spring is made good.

Editor Spokane Press: Being an interested spectator of your fight against the loan sharks and all their kindred, whose living is made by preying on the needs and misfortunes of the "common people," I cannot help calling your attention to another phase of the matter which I presume has escaped your notice.

In the course of our business we have occasion to use common laborers and have in several instances called on different employment agencies to supply us with men. These men are hired with no understanding as to the length of time they are to be employed and are paid at the rate of \$2.50 for eight hours' work.

For this class of jobs we find that the ordinary employment agency charges from \$1 to \$2. Needing another man a short time ago and just previously having noticed that the Y. M. C. A. was running an employment department, we thought it might be well to patronize this well known institution, thinking "it was very likely that it was running a free employment bureau or at least one where the fee was merely nominal and not extortionate like the much discussed agencies which have been in the public limelight of late."

We were well satisfied with the man furnished, but were greatly surprised to find that instead of running any free employment bureau the Y. M. C. A. was charging more for giving a man a chance to work than the agencies that were mobbed some time ago, the fee being \$3 for a job at \$2.50 per day that might have lasted only a couple of days.

This was bad enough, but the mode of procedure taken by the association, that they might take no chances of losing their fee, convinced us that they did not have much faith in humanity, and to our notion greatly resembled Shylock and his pound of flesh.

The applicant for a job is made to sign an order on any future employer directing him to deduct the amount of fee from the employee's wages and remit to the Y. M. C. A. Talk about signing your salary away to the loan sharks, where have they gotten the better of this method?

We are great believers in the Y. M. C. A. and realize the inestimable good it has done for the young men of our country, but we also firmly believe that in this land of prosperity no man should have to pay for the opportunity to work, and least of all the common laborer, who works the hardest and in the poorest paid. We have taken of equal rights to all and special privileges for none, we remain, Very truly yours, Northwestern Concrete Co., H. L. Carr, Secretary, in Spokane Press.

Dear Brother: Do not the workers in advocating compulsory socialism create opposition that would NOT be engendered if they advocated Political Voluntary Socialism—national, state and municipal?

Fraternalty yours,
F. C. RIVERS,
Fraternal Cosmopolitan and Modern Theosophist (Interplanetary).

The above "brother" has favored us with several of these communications. Will some "brother" be so kind as to favor him with a dose of salt?

There is tonic in the things that men do not love to hear; and there is damnation in the things that wicked men love to hear. Free speech is to a great people what winds are to the ocean and malaria regions, which wait away the elements of disease and bring new elements of health; and where free speech is stopped miasma is bred, and death comes fast. —Henry Ward Beecher.

"A community is infinitely more brutalized by the habitual employment of punishment than it is by the occasional occurrence of crime." —Oscar Wilde.

"Even voting for the right is doing nothing for it. It is only expressing to men feebly your desire that it should prevail." —H. D. Thoreau.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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ON TO SPOKANE!!

Well! Well! Well!

Poor old leather-headed cops!

To fight us is a liberal education.

They are learning what the I. W. W. is, anyhow.

It is said the Salvation Army's flag will hereafter be yellow.

They didn't get our editor, evidently—at least not all the 10,000 of him.

If the enemy is so stunned by speech, what will they do when the workers act?

Where is Spokane? In the Inland Empire. Where is that? Adjoining the United States.

A slave I despise. A rebellious slave has my deep respect and homage.—Wendell Phillips.

"Submit yourselves unto every ordinance of Man for Christ's sake"—even if you do get clubbed.

Since the free speech fight began the Starvation Army has held no services in jail. The police have conducted the religious affairs—without clubs.

"Why don't they vote, if they don't like the ordinance?" Say, we never thought of that! Let's get Shannon to watch the ballot-box to prevent graft.

An official who sets himself above the law is more dangerous to the public order and happiness than the worst criminal.—Judge Gaynor, mayor of New York City.

It takes a philosopher or wise gent who never worked to talk about getting "peace of mind and good character out of work." How about it, you shovel-stiff?

Should the worst come to the worst and the cut-throat brigade succeed in railroadng all our "leaders" (?) and editors, what an immense local could be organized in the pen.

Some of our middle-class sympathizers suggest making an "ethical effort" to settle this free speech fight. Awful hard work that "ethical effort," much too hard for a lumberjack or shovel stiff. We'll take 20 days on bread and water.

Man-n by name, but not by nature.
Men out of work are hoboes and vags if they're broke.
Men out of work are gentlemen of leisure—when they have the dough.
Serves you right—why aren't you rich?

Monday was "law" day in the W. W. P. police court. The tenth assistant prosecuting attorney made a great impression by reading several chapters of the Koran. Unfortunately he was interrupted by the screams of several men who were being "persuaded" by the police in the ante-room.

How about it you slaves? Do they use our servants—those who have done our bidding—as scapegoats? Do they railroad the fellow workers who have been doing your work and mine to the "foul latrines" which are called prisons? No? Then get busy, yuh muts—grab the first "rattler" and hold her down to "Sunny" Spokane. We need you!!

"The only place for an honest man at such a crisis is in jail."

It has just been learned that Chief Sullivan is not under bond as provided for by law. All previous chiefs have complied with the law by bonding themselves on assuming the office. An insignificant detail of law and order. What?

An Irish rebel was asked how it was that the thugs in blue coats and brass buttons were largely Irish. He replied: "Sure them are not Irish m'n. They are the Irish chankers that St. Patrick drove out of Ireland."

You slaves?
You rebellious slaves!
You who produce and have not!
You homeless, propertyless wanderers on the face of the earth!
You have learned to sneer at your masters' ethics, religion, morality!
You who have learned to hate!
You who have being but the spirit of revolt and a deep hatred for oppression and your oppressors!
ABOUT you rebels! Get into the fight!
The struggle is on! Your fellow-workers are at the front, fighting YOU! Fight!
Others are on the road!
But we need YOU!
COME TO SPOKANE!!

Breathes there the man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said:
I have no home, no native land;
Whose heart hath never within him burned
As homeward his footsteps turned
To wander up and down the land,
If such there be, go, mark him well,
He is now living in a hell;
High are his masters, great their shame,
Boundless their wealth as wish can name,
Because of their sordid powers of pelf,
The slave creating all their wealth,
Laying, shall forfeit fair brown,
And doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile depths from which he sprang,
Unwept, unhonored and unsung.

(Apologies from Sir Walter Scott are in order.)

What is law? "Law is a rule of action enforced by a dominant class upon a subservient class, in the interest of the dominant class."
What is legal? Anything that is in accordance with the interests of the dominant class.
What is illegal? Anything that is contrary to those same interests.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. The I. W. W. is of the subservient class, the slaves, and opposed to the interests of the dom-

inant class. Therefore any action, constitutional or not, that can be brought against them is "legal." It is the "rule of action," is it not? And law is a "rule of action."

The owners of the coal mines at Cherry, Ill., neglected to provide proper timbering, etc., to insure the safety of the miners. It would cost something, while new slaves could be obtained for nothing. Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, it was legal to sacrifice 300 home supporters to make widows and orphans of their wives and children. It was likewise contrary to statutes to employ children of tender age in the mines, but was likewise legal because it was "in the interest of the dominant class," and, therefore, in accordance with the rule of action which is law.

HOW IT WORKS.

The laws that are made for the protection and advantage of one part of the people—the capitalists—are always rigidly enforced; the laws that are made for the protection of the other 99—the common people and great working class—are, generally speaking, dead letters on the statute books, and if enforced to any extent at all, the people must fight for the right with their very lives. For instance, had there been an anti-street speaking law in the coal mining town of Cherry, Ill., to prevent the working people from getting together to discuss their wrongs, the whole police force, the "major's private secretary," and if necessary, the national guard and the federal troops would have been called out to uphold the law and to arrest and imprison its violators. Because to permit public discussion would endanger the power of one of the people to exploit the other 99 per cent. But the laws in the state of Illinois which were enacted for the protection of coal miners are not enforced, because their enforcement would add to the cost of mining and take away profits of the capitalists—and the lives of miners are cheap. The direct result is that 300 miners have lost their lives in this horrible accident alone, and hundreds of widows and orphans have been made who can now spend the balance of their lives in poverty and misery.—From editorial page of the Spokane "Labor World."

FLAUNTING THE RED FLAG.

"The revolution is on. Stop it who can."

In this excited language the local organ of the I. W. W. hurled defiance at the law and urged the members of that organization to keep up the fight against the authorities. All through its last edition the red flag is cheered and although careful about openly advocating violence, the language is such as to excite ignorant readers to such an extent that bloodshed may result before the trouble is over.

Under the new criminal code it is not necessary for a paper to advocate the overthrow of a government by force or to urge the assassination of officials to be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. Section 312 of the code clearly provides that the advocating of "any breach of the peace" or "any disrespect for law or for any court or courts of justice," shall constitute that offense.

In Seattle an edition of the I. W. W. paper was seized by the authorities because of the inflammatory articles it contained, but here in Spokane, where the laws are being openly defied, the I. W. W. organ is being issued every week and distributed among the rioters to incite them to further law-breaking.

The above is a clipping from—well, all will recognize it as coming from the "Liar." If it were not for the solid foundation of lies and rookroach philosophy which is furnished by the Spokesman-Review and Chronicle we are at a loss to know what we would do for a chopping block. We are thinking of putting "Granny" on salary (nearly) for this purpose.

As to being "guilty of a gross misdemeanor," we are guilty of that by the mere fact of existence, for we exist for the sole purpose of putting the parasites out of business and taking possession of what they now own, namely, the earth and all that is on it.

We are well aware that any paper that is published in the interests of the slaves is from that fact alone "illegal." We know that, therefore, if we are not suppressed, it is because the rulers, controlling as they do the powers of police and expression are yet too cowardly, too afraid of the wrath of the giant Labor to attempt to gag his press as well as his right to speech.

We DARE the miserable tools of capitalism to suppress our press. We DARE them to "go the limit." So surely will they quickly educate the unconscious slaves to rebellion and thus perform precisely the labor which we are now more slowly undertaking.

As to contempt—what man who has the least pride, will deny having a most healthy contempt for a ruling which declares "free speech is a God-given and inalienable right" in one breath and in the next will sentence men and women to filthy dungeons and to the tender care of a contemptible gang of brutal, beastly thugs, for exercising the same "God-given" right?

Who but a miserable prostitute, one who is a lick-spittle lackey of cowardly masters would so flaunt his shame in the face of the world. Contempt? The word is not expressive enough.

As to our "advocating violence," we can attribute that charge to the pitiful, petty bourgeois ignorance which always goes hand in hand with a sordid, lying spirit. Any one who knows anything at all of the I. W. W. knows that we brand as a fool or a trickster any one who talks of bullets. Why bullets, when we have now and the enemy is well supplied? And why bullets, when we have a much more powerful weapon—one that we alone can wield? Why violence when we can win our economic power under the enemy, with all their bullets, helplessness? No, the idea of violence is not found in the pages of this paper but only in the cowardly, markot-eaten brain of an ignorant but meanly vicious tool of scurvy parasites.

"Under the new criminal code," or any other, it is not necessary to give evidence of but one thing—where lies the interest of capital—to decide the merits of the case. And they have been so decided in the present issue, with the most brazen indifference to any code—except the interests of capital. But we are wise to you, the whole smirking, lying, hypocritical crowd of you, and we are showing you up to the rest of the world.

WHICH IS THE MORE DANGEROUS?

The police and the rest of officialdom have been busily engaged in making anarchists in Spokane, Wash.

The right of free speech, provided by the constitution of the United States, has been perverted into "no right of free speech." Men who are members of an organization called the Industrial Workers of the World started the excitement by making street speeches.

Spokane has an ordinance against street speaking. What, an ordinance contrary to the constitution? Why, sure, what's a constitution, anyway?

The police called the Industrial Workers of the World anarchists. With that name pretty well fastened on them as a working basis, the police clubbed the Industrial Workers, arrested them, kept them in jail without trial, turned the fire hose on the crowds their speakers attracted and asked for soldiers to keep down the revolution.

Now, you have heard of the Industrial Workers of the World only as anarchists. Stop and think a moment. What matters it what they are called by officialdom? The fact remains, doesn't it, that whether people are called anarchistic Industrial Workers of the World, socialists, revolutionists, disturbers or labor agitators, THEY ARE BEING PUT IN JAIL IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. Think it over—Isn't that statement true?

Isn't the constitution sneered at, ignored, trampled under foot by those interests that are responsible for the fact that men are out of work? Are not the Chicago police clubbing the bread line into back alley obscurity so that the business interests of the city may say, "All is prosperity"? Has not the United States court of appeals of the District of Columbia declared that Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison must go to jail because they DISCUSSED A MATTER A COURT TOLD THEM THEY MUST NOT EVEN TALK ABOUT? Are not the Spokane jails crowded because men asked for the right of free speech? Are these things being done or are they not? The facts are plain. Then who or what is responsible? Not the police who obey orders, but the POWERS BEHIND THE POLICE.

No, the trouble in Spokane is not merely a battle between the Industrial Workers of the World and the police. It is simply a part of the great campaign being waged by the forces of ravenous greed against the forces of those who work.

This is not socialism; it is simple truth.

Yes, there are anarchists in Spokane. More are being made. There are two classes of them. The first belongs to that officialdom and money power that ignores and sneers at the right of free speech—a right granted by the constitution. The second class is being clubbed into anarchistic thoughts by the first.

WHICH IS THE MORE DANGEROUS?—Los Angeles "Record."

They ask, "Which is the more dangerous?" To whom? The I. W. W. is undoubtedly the more dangerous to the present form of society, to a society founded upon a slave system of production. We are dangerous! We admit it. We are dangerous to any class of parasites and to the institutions of the parasites. We compose a revolutionary organization of slaves whose sole object of existence is to wrest from the rulers by force of their economic power the whole world and all that is in it. That the ruling class recognizes this is shown by the frantic efforts that are being made to extinguish the flame of industrial unionism here and elsewhere.

Let them do their damndest!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

Sir: In writing this open letter to you I do not do so with the idea that it will change your mind at all on the present controversy and war that is going on between the so-called authorities of "law and order" in Spokane and the Industrial Workers of the World, but rather to use this method to bring out various points that may be of interest to the wage workers of America.

If you or your paper had one friend among the army of wage workers of the country we might view your bitter editorials with alarm. Your desire to serve the few, who have bought up any principle and manhood that you might ever have possessed, has placed you in a position the same as a rattlesnake with its fangs extracted. You can do no harm. In your effort to brand everyone as tramps, hobos, thugs, anarchists and undesirable citizens because they have dared to speak the truth and tell of conditions as they exist in this so-called land of freedom, you have but boosted the organization and spread its principles broadcast over the land. You did your utmost to hang the officers of the Western Federation of Miners by trying to prejudice the people against the prisoners before they had ever had a trial, and the venom you displayed, Sir, against the men who were deprived of seeing their mothers when dying in the Coeur d'Alene bullpen, is still fresh in the minds of a great many workers of this trust-ridden land.

Evidently when you try to connect anarchy with the Industrial Workers of the World you do so to excite the minds of the people, so that they will take human life. We are not anarchists, but if anarchy is the opposite of the crimes that have been committed in the last three weeks in Spokane by those who hide behind a mask of "law and order" and "patriotism," then I, for one, will plead guilty to the charge. If anarchy means opposition to government, then, sir, we charge you and the thugs you are representing and defending, as being the anarchists, as you are smashing the very foundation of the government of the United States when you violate the Constitution, on which the government is supposed to be based. The city of Spokane has defeated and ruled as in error by the supreme court of the state when Ida Crouch Hazlett was arrested for speaking on the street some two years ago. How many rulings should it take before the city of Spokane can be made to realize that the authorities are acting in a high-handed manner? The I. W. W. laid down on a fight a year ago in Spokane for "freedom of speech," by allowing the case to be again taken before the supreme court. This was in the Walsh case. All prisoners were released from jail. The supreme court has up to the present time not handed down the decision, and it is not hard to understand why when we know we have their old decision in the Ida Crouch Hazlett case in favor of free speech. If the I. W. W. would agree to keep off the streets until this supreme court handed down another decision, it would have to keep off the streets, no doubt, until all the present members were dead. The laws of this country are in the interest of a few (that few that owns your lying paper). "Justice for all" is a farce. "Liberty" is as dead as a mummy, except for those who own the country and the government.

If newspapers were suppressed in America for telling lies, that subsidized sheet that you have sacrificed your manhood for would have been suppressed years ago.

You add insult to injury when you charge the members of the I. W. W. with being dirty, when 25 men are squeezed into a cell and are forced to stand in their own offal. Chances are such a goody goody gent as you would be dirty under the same conditions, and possibly worse, as there would be more food in your miserable makeup. The tools of the rich generally live well. You attack men for being tramps, but you are too big a coward to attack the cause that makes tramps. To do so would bring you in conflict with your master, and then you would soon be a tramp also. The I. W. W. does not make tramps. Sir, there is a cause for tramps, and you are one of the gents that is responsible for the cause, as you are defending a system that makes tramps at the one end and millionaires at the other. There were five million tramps in this so-called land of freedom a year ago, and they were not members of the I. W. W.

You defended the authorities of Spokane for robbing over 100 prostitutes some time back by taking their last cent from them, amounting to about \$1400. Yes, the judge (?) fined them the sum total of every cent they had, and then the police gave them a ticket to Pasco and saw that they were on the train. That is justice. The I. W. W. did not make the prostitutes. They are the result of a rotten system—same as the tramps. When these girls get another \$1400 they will, in all probability, "like" be fined by the authorities in Pasco and given a ticket for Yakima or some other place where they will receive the same treatment. Small wages, long hours and no work will make prostitutes. Did you ever hear of that before? No work, long hours of labor, wages which are too small to live decently on, and employment sharks will make tramps. Did you ever hear that before? Automatic machinery that takes the place of labor and produces more than the workers can buy back, will cause panics. Never heard of that, I suppose? There are things lower than a prostitute. Those who live off their misery are much lower. Those who get the benefit of the \$1400 fine are lower. In France they call such people macquees. In this country they go by another name.

There are approximately 300,000 lumberjacks between Montana and the Pacific Coast, and it is a safe bet that not 1 per cent of them has a wife, and those that have one can not support one on the wages they receive. The companies refuse to allow them to organize, and in Montana the companies keep gun men at the camps to see that no organizer of the I. W. W. can speak to the men. The bones are all organized into trusts, and the people (especially the wage workers) can tell that they are by looking at the store bill on pay day. Free country isn't it, sir? If there are tramps in the I. W. W., they are there because they know what has made tramps out of them. As automatic machinery comes more into effect, trusts, to control the very life of the people, the number of tramps will increase. This is something new to you, I suppose. Never heard of a bread line, did you? Do you know that there are over one million women and little children working in the factories in this free country, and thousands of the children are so small that they ought to be at their mother's breast? Do you know that men were sold by the score last winter in New York at an auction sale? Never heard of it, I suppose? Do you know that fifty tons of fresh ducks, chick-

ens, turkeys, potatoes, butter, etc., were burned up in the public crematoriums in Vancouver, B. C., winter before last, because the commission merchants would not pay the cold storage rate on them any longer, and the people could not buy such luxuries. At the same time there were thousands on the streets of starvation in the city. Do you know the thousands of tons of baled cotton were burned up in the southern states because the farmers could not sell it, and that only winter before last? Do you know that there were thousands of children going in rags at the same time in this free country? Do you know the small wages and long hours for the wage workers means more money for the master, and that the only object of any one going into business is to make money, and to do this they must exploit others, and the greater the exploitation, the more money is to be made? Never heard of such a thing, I suppose?

Well, to know all these things and know them, and offer a cure for them, is what you term anarchy. That is what we are going to do when we get the streets of Spokane, and we invite you and every other person in Spokane and vicinity to come and hear the speeches. If you prefer to hear the Salvation Army tell you how to get a set of wings and ride white horses through heaven, why, then, you can go further on down the street and hear that. Think it is about heavy enough for a subsidized brain, anyway, and there is no danger of it hurting the profits of those who own the "Review."

You ought to be careful what you run in the "Review." Don't you know that in the press dispatch about the mine disaster in the St. Paul mine in Illinois it stated that owing to a bread winner out of every home being killed that there were a great many in actual want? Nice, isn't it? Women and children suffering for the want of the necessities of life before the corpses were taken from the mine. Probably that is because of some of the good wages you are continually harping about. To prove that such a state did exist, do you remember reporting the will that some of the miners made out for their wives when they were dying in the mine? I'll refresh your memory. They said: "All we have to leave you is a good character." That's quite a bit, isn't it? That's about all any wage worker can leave his wife. It's more than you, Sir, or the thugs who have tried to tear down the Constitution of the United States can leave. Harriman only left his wife one hundred million dollars. He was not a coal miner. The coal miner gave Harriman the money and Harriman gave it to his wife.

In closing I wish to thank you for the favors that you have extended to the Industrial Workers of the World—by knocking it. To prove that your knock is a boost, I may say that the unions in Spokane of the I. W. W. have nearly doubled their membership since the street fight started. Money is coming in from all over America to defend our members that you are assisting to persecute. The organization is not only growing in Spokane, but all over America. The secretaries are working overtime in Chicago, and more office help has been employed in the last week. One bright young college graduate who was traveling to Spokane to raise his voice in protest against the unconstitutional acts of the murderous police, was run over by the train and killed. It's too bad, but he died for a good cause. It's much better to die that way than be found shooting down some other working man in another country, so that the American Sugar Trust can branch out. He can give his poor mother a "good character." He died fighting for his freedom. You will be hanging on to the roots of the lumber trust—the root of all evil. Lincoln said: "Labor is prior to and above capital. Capital could not exist if it was not for labor; therefore labor is of more importance than capital and deserves much higher consideration." If Abe could see 28 men stuffed into a small steel cell, and standing in their own offal, with steam turned onto them, in Spokane until they fainted, he would likely change his mind about labor being of more importance than capital, wouldn't he, Sir? Lincoln said: "Should the wealth of the nation get into a few hands, a state of slavery would result that would be more degrading than chattel slavery ever was." Well, we are there, Abe. Nothing has ever equaled the tortures that has been inflicted on the workers in the dungeons in Spokane. How about, Mr. Editor? Wonder what Fred Neiderhauser saw in the jail that was beyond description to denounce people? Fred don't belong to any union, and no one ever heard him say a word in favor of the I. W. W. We know that men have broken jaws and arms in the jail; one has his teeth kicked out by the police; others have been struck in the privates and are suffering the agonies of hell. That's civilization, Mr. Editor. We prefer to be barbarians. If any man retaliates against these inhuman acts, kindly take warning and don't blame the I. W. W. A worm will turn if you step on it. Man is man and nothing more. The I. W. W. does not teach violence. It teaches peace and knows how to get it. Only one man has been killed by ap I. W. W. man since the organization was launched in 1904. (Remember the date, as you won't be telling about some fellow belonging six years), and that was purely in self-defense in Gold field, Nevada. He is serving a 25 years' sentence for it, and is as innocent of murder as any new-born child. Had he been guilty of murder he would have been hung like a dog. Robert Ingersoll said the labor question must be a question of whether the man is going to own the machine or the machine own the man. That's the question that the I. W. W. is going to solve, and they are not going to solve it by praying or begging. When the workers are organized into one union, with one object in view as a class, with no obstacles, such as contracts with the boss, to impede their progress, realizing that an injury to one is an injury to all, then the labor problem (which is the most serious problem that the world has ever confronted) will be solved and not before.

When the I. W. W. has as much control as the A. F. L. in Spokane, the way the street problem would be settled would not be slow. Instead of union (?) committees reporting favorable to the master class on the conditions of the day, there would not be a meal served, a drink served, a street car move, or a nail struck (unless Neiderhauser could get it out him) until the men were released from the hell in Spokane and the Constitution of the United States would be of more importance than a home-made law of a town like Spokane, and can draft an ordinance for libel pounds—do not for workingmen.

It is a safe bet, sir, that whenever you see a good word for any union in Spokane that is a scab arrangement and a disgrace to labor.

Thank you, we are doing fine. No great news except by persecution. Never heard of John Brown being killed or Professor Perce of Hiredolls? Forgot, I guess.

A RESERVE EDITOR

"Oh! that some power the gift would send
To see ourselves as others see us."—Burns.
Some of the "bulls" would commit justifiable suicide.

The Employment Shark Must Go.

THE LABOR EXCHANGE
INDUSTRIAL ITEMS



The employment sharks and those whom they serve are doing their damndest to put the I. W. W. on the bum. It is up to all the members who are in camps to give them a gentle rap whenever possible. Therefore, send in news items for this column and keep the slaves in touch with conditions. Your exchanges will be published regularly if sent in. (Hull, Minn., Oct. 25, 1909.)

Fellow Workers: I am working for the Northern Lumber Co., Dixon's camp. Everything is on the bum except the boss. He is a pretty fair kind of a fellow. We are charged hospital fees, which may be all right, and we are charged mail fees, which is all wrong, for they do not hardly make a pretense of delivering the mail to us, especially newspapers. My mail is given to them at Mountain Iron by the postmaster, but hardly any of it reaches me, the consequence is that I do not get the Industrial Worker at all. I will have to ask you to change the address from Mountain Iron, Minnesota, Dixon's camp, to Hull, Minn., Box 271, St. Louis county.

Hoping that I may be able to get the Industrial Worker without any further trouble, I remain yours truly,

OWEN S. CALDWELL,

Hosmer, Ill. C. Nov. 22, 1909.

To the Editor of the Industrial Worker:

Fellow Worker: Please try to stop all shipments of men by the employment sharks to this part of British Columbia. The country is full of men from Sandpoint, Idaho, to Hosmer, Ill. C. The Elk Lumber Co. for which I am working, has an advertisement in most of the papers wanting 150 men, which is only a bluff. They have three camps running and every one of them is full. The reason for the advertisement is to keep this part of the country flooded with men so that they can cut the wages like they did last year. The wages this year are from \$30 to \$45 per month, until the first of the year, after that we don't know what they will be. Some of the men claim that the company is going to make all the men sign the same contract this year that they did last year, but if I am here I am going to see if I can get the men to refuse to do so and stand pat for straight pay.

Men, keep away from here. The grub is on the bum; it is a starvation. Please send me two Industrial Workers.

Yours for Industrial Unionism,

HARRIS ALLMAN,

Hosmer, B. C.

Care Elk Lumber Co.

A fellow worker, member of Local No. 421, Spokane, at Belt, Mont., informs us that grub is bum at A. B. Cook's camp on G. N. Ry. at that point; poll tax \$2; employment share; will let I. W. W. members work; wages \$2; board 75c.

Fellow Worker J. Murdoch, of Seattle Local Union No. 432 is working for Calhoun-Craus Mill Co., five miles from Kent, Wash. Wages \$2.25 and up; pay 20th of month; bum grub; poor bunkhouse; 75c hospital fee; employment share, but will hire anybody.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23, 1909.

Industrial Worker: The writer went to Muncie, Ind., Sunday and got a body of glass workers organized as part of the I. W. W. There were 117 at the meeting and all of them joined. There are 1100 working at the glass plant, and it is expected that all will join in a short time. They are working 12 hours per day and wages range from \$1 to \$2.25. All the new members are good rebels, and they say that the conditions in the plant will crystallize the discontent and make rebels out of all the workers there.

Sentiment is strong for the I. W. W. all over that part of Indiana, according to information given by the men at Muncie.

Yours for Industrial Freedom!

E. S. NELSON.

MAYOR PRESIDES AT ROUSING PROTEST MEETING.

A rousing protest meeting was held at the court house in Minot, North Dakota, on November 22nd, under the auspices of the Socialist Local, at which a collection was taken up to aid the free speech fight in Spokane. \$12.30 was contributed by the audience.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The municipal authorities of the city of Spokane, Washington, who have taken the oath to support, maintain and enforce the laws, and particularly the constitution of the United States, are now engaged in a foul, cowardly conspiracy to violate and prohibit free speech in said city; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, citizens of Minot, North Dakota, irrespective of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, do hereby emphatically protest, and declare that it is the duty of every good citizen of whatever faith or creed to protect, and to use every means in his power to assist the people engaged in the struggle for free speech in the city of Spokane. Victory for the forces of oppression in one city strengthens the program in all. The winning of the fight for free speech, where it is oppressed, maintains the right in all, and we hereby declare our firm intention to assist, by every means in our power, the struggle for the maintenance of the right of free speech and free press, guaranteed in the constitution.

The mayor of Minot provided as chairman of the meeting. Great enthusiasm was aroused, and if the fight for free speech is not won in Spokane, Minot will be heard from again.

Resolutions on the Death of Fellow Workers James K. Cole.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 21, 1909.

Whereas, Fellow Worker James Kelly Cole, a member of Local 85 and Propaganda League, I. W. W., was killed in a railway accident at Tomah, Wis., November 17th, 1909; and

Whereas, Fellow Worker Cole was a clear-cut and enthusiastic revolutionist, working for the overthrow of the capitalist system; and

Whereas, The capitalist system is responsible for the death of Fellow Worker Cole; therefore be it

Resolved, That we call upon all revolutionists for renewed and determined efforts in assisting

us to build up the Industrial Workers of the World, which is the only organization that can overthrow the capitalist system; and be it further

Resolved, That this end will be a fitting monument to our deceased fellow worker; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of Fellow Worker Cole, the labor press and spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

"You have given your life for the tolling throng. You have died that they might live; You have suffered our hardship and felt our wrong— You gave all that man could give. You have spilled your blood for the tolling slave In this war against greed and gain; And it shall be written above your grave That you did not die in vain."

—R. L. WEBER.
EDW. HAMMOND,
E. J. CRUICKSHANK,
THEODORE MEYER,
Committee.

(Seal.)
CHICAGO PROPAGANDA LEAGUE, I. W. W.

RESOLUTIONS FROM PORTLAND.

Resolved, That it is the expression of this body to condemn the action of the city government of Spokane in trying in its atrocious manner to suppress free speech, overriding the constitutional rights of the people to assemble peaceably; and be it further

Resolved, That the business interests of Spokane would do well to ponder on the disagreeable notoriety their town is achieving, and it would be well to remind the booster burk of the Inland Empire that they can not allow themselves the luxuries which even the cities of the effete east must do without.

Upstart towns begging for trade and custom and settlers must not drive away the workers, however cringing they may be to capital and however eager they may be to attract the latter by means of free sites and immunity from taxation.

A parvenue must not assume the mien of a great lord, and petty business men, eager to grow up with the country, must allow their country to grow by parading their hospitality and liberal mindedness instead of their narrow minded, tyrannical and brutal opposition to real progress.

The constitution of the United States has a real money value, gentlemen of the Commercial Club of Spokane.

Whatever one may say or think of the self-constituted martyrs of the I. W. W. incarcerated at Spokane, it is becoming clearer and clearer that the Inland Empire city has taken a position it can not maintain under the scrutiny of the eyes of the world.

Spokane is wrong, judicially as well as morally and ethically. Free speech is too much an American principle to be decided upon by a body of policemen at \$80 a month and a disreputable police judge misnamed Mann. The wise, wicked, judicial heads of the United States supreme court would hesitate and ponder before taking the action of the Spokane minions of misrule and disorder, serving with intensified degeneracy the large corporations and diminutive employment sharks.

The city authorities maintain that the speakers counseled violence and therefore merited suppression and punishment. They claim the soap-box orators impeded traffic of the streets. Admitting both claims, the wholesale arrests constitute entirely too high-handed a proceeding. Even the conservative public will read between the lines of the quarrel that the city is proceeding without due warrant of law.

Great liberty has sprung often from an injudicious use of it, and republics were built upon what was temporarily called treason. That city's debauched official element has assumed an attitude which suggests corporations have been too much for a cardinal principle of the formation of republics to be disposed of so summarily by a plague spot and would-be great city in the state of Washington.

Therefore, we, people of Portland, in mass meeting assembled, demand that the men now being persecuted in Spokane be set free and the constitutional provision providing for free speech be observed in Spokane just the same as if it was in the United States instead of in the Inland Empire.

Resolved, finally, that we use our energies to cause all travelers and immigrants to avoid Spokane, as she is branded by all right-thinking people as an outpost city beyond the pale of civilization.

Colonel C. E. S. Wood was the principal speaker. In part he spoke as follows:

"It is not free speech if a man must first obtain consent of his ruler. That condition exists in Russia. If you are willing only that the man who speaks you should have an audience, you do not deserve free speech. The raggedest imbecile, if you please, has the right to give to his fellow men the thoughts his Creator put in his brain. You do not know but that in the glacial movement of the ages his thoughts may turn out to be truth, and yours the lie."

"Are you a socialist? There was a time when Karl Marx stood alone. Are you an anarchist? There was a time when Prudhoun stood alone. Are you a reformer? Martin Luther

once stood alone. Are you a Christian? Christ once stood alone.

"I wish the pulpits were preaching freedom instead of morality (great applause), for there is no morality except freedom, and through freedom comes the elevation of the human race."

Colonel Wood said discontent was good, because it moved the world.

The unions here in Portland have been using all their time and energies to raise men and money for the Spokane fight for free speech, so have neglected to write any news for the Worker.

I will try to give a brief account of the work we have been doing here. The week of November 2 was passed by night meetings in our hall, at each of which a collection was taken for the Spokane fighters. On Friday, November 5, a committee of three was appointed to meet with an equal committee from the socialist party who had offered their services in giving publicity to the fight. The committee held its first meeting at 8 o'clock Friday evening and decided to hold a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. This only gave us Saturday and Sunday forenoon to rent a hall, obtain speakers and advertise the meeting. The method of advertising proved so successful that I wish to explain what it was. We had eight bairns, all alike, announcing time and place of meeting and that Colonel C. E. S. Wood would be the principal speaker. Also that the object of the meeting was to help get free speech for Spokane. These banners were carried, one behind the other, all in a row up and down the business streets of Portland Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The result was that 1200 people were in attendance at the meeting.

At the beginning of the fight \$20 was donated to the I. W. W. to telegraph the facts to eastern papers, so as to advertise Spokane's local, brutal action, where it would do the I. W. W. the most good and at the same time do the greatest injury to the "outlaw" business interests of Spokane, who, through their cringing, subservient, degenerate city officials were willing to set aside every law in order to save their vile, slimy, despicable employment agents from being exposed by the I. W. W. This \$20 was deposited with the Western Union and a long telegram sent to Chicago, which the paper paid for and we got our money back and have used it over and over again.

Every night since the beginning we have had our hall packed, and our members out in the lumber camps have written in donations and in many instances have left their jobs and gone at once to Spokane. Nearly every night some men start. We have no way of knowing how many of them get through. New members are joining every day and every one feels sure now that the fight will soon be won.

Sunday, November 28, we had another big mass meeting at Merrill hall. There were about 1200 present. An enclosing report printed in the "Oregonian" of the meeting. You will receive a copy of the resolutions passed at the meeting. The recent rains have caused such flooded conditions along the river that some of the lumber camps are closing, and probably in a few days the men who are in these camps will be in and then we can send more men. All of us who are compelled to stay here regret that we can not be there with you in the fight, but be assured that we will do all that can be done here. We realize that the brave fight being waged by the Spokane Locals is our fight, too, and shall support it to the best of our ability until the fight is won.

Yours for I. W. W.,
EDITOR NO. 842 AND LEADER 13864.

Minneapolis, Nov. 19, 1909.

Editor Industrial Worker and Fellow Worker:

The following resolution was adopted at a protest meeting held in Minneapolis on above date.

Fellow Workers: Word has reached us that James K. Cole, leader of one of the Chicago free speech delegations, has met with a terrible accident on the road; and

Whereas, This young fellow worker has given up his life in an endeavor to reach Spokane, Washington, in answer to the call for recruits to all the jail; and

Whereas, The others from Chicago, while deeply deploring the sudden loss of their true and stalwart comrade, are more than ever determined to carry out the declaration inscribed on our banner—"Spokane or Bust; Bust Spokane." Be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Minneapolis, present at this meeting also deeply regret the untimely death of our Fellow Worker Cole, and hereby express our deep sympathy and our loss to the revolutionary movement.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT ARCADE HALL, NOV. 14, 1909.

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States of America guarantees to every person the right of free speech and public assembly; and,

Whereas, It is plain to all fair-minded citizens that the efforts to suppress free speech is an effort to cover up the graft of some capitalists who can not stand the light of truth; and,

Whereas, The members of the I. W. W. are being oppressed in the most tyrannical way for daring to exercise the constitutional right of free speech; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, citizens of the city of Seattle, in a meeting assembled for the pur-

pose, protest against the tyranny and oppression that the I. W. W. are being subjected to in Spokane for exercising the right guaranteed to the people; and be it further,

Resolved, That we denounce the suppression of the constitution in Spokane, for the establishment of which our forefathers fought and died; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the assembled citizens of Seattle, pledge our sympathy and financial and other support in the struggle for freedom of speech in Spokane; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the press of Seattle and Spokane and to the mayor and chief of police of Spokane.

Dated at Seattle, November 14, 1909.

RICHARD SMITH, Chairman.

J. S. BISCAV,

FLOYD HYDE,

G. S. HOLMES,

H. S. CAFFERTY,

CHAS. SCURLOCK,

J. A. ANDERSON,

Committee of the I. W. W. and the

U. W. W. W.

Motion: That we adopt these resolutions and concur in same, carried by unanimous vote.

RICHARD SMITH, Chairman.

A protest meeting was held at Tacoma in Eagles' Hall, November 21, under the auspices of the I. W. W. W. E. Reynolds acted as chairman. The chief speaker of the evening was Franklin Jordan of the I. W. W., who made a very able talk. A strong industrial union sentiment was in evidence throughout the gathering, and the field is ripe for the building of a strong industrial union in this city.

This meeting was only a preliminary to a monster protest meeting which is to be held on December 12. A collection was taken up amounting to \$28.15.

We expect to be able at the next meeting to raise considerable funds for the defense of our imprisoned fellow workers and to aid the free speech fight

H. S. CAFFERTY.

Editor Worker: I have two sons in the I. W. W. One of them passed through here last week on his way from Brewley to Spokane to get in jail. The other will follow after a little, if you need men worse than money. I wrote to Brewley to him advising the boys there to take measures to keep a regular supply of money going to Spokane. I have been in the socialist movement for 15 years. I fought four years, fool-like as I thought, for human liberty. I took ten months in the southern hell-holes called prisons. I am too broken now to do much, but if they get all you young fellows in jail I could wield the editorial pencil. I have done such a thing. I am enclosing resolutions passed unanimously by our socialist local here. We also raised about \$7, which we gave to my son and his companion to help them on to Spokane. I have sent a copy of these resolutions to the state secretary of the socialist party, urging him to appeal to all party locals to help you morally and financially and to declare a boycott against Spokane.

I have forwarded the same resolutions with the same request to our national secretary, to urge the same upon the whole national membership. "Hold the fort, we are coming."

For the revolution,

D. BOND.

ORGANIZE.

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